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First Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the Official Office Action mailed October 8, 1996 in the above-identified patent application. Included herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 12, 13, 17-19, 21-23, 25-37, 39, 47-62, 65, 66, 69, 79-83 and 85-97 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 8, 14, 20, 24, 38, 40, 43, 68, 70, 75-77 and 84 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A garment blank subassembly having a front body portion, a back body portion, and a crotch intermediate of and extending from the front body portion to the back body portion and between a pair of leg openings in a garment to be assembled from the garment blank subassembly, the front body portion having first and second front leg edge portions along the leg openings, a front end opposite the first and second front leg edge portions and first and second front sides, the back body portion having first and second back leg edge portions along the leg openings, a back end opposite the first and second back leg edge portions and first

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